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Re: Appeal No. DOJ-AP-2019-003955  
Request No. 1419242  
MWH:DRC

**VIA: Email**

Dear Emma Best:

You attempted to appeal from the failure of the Federal Bureau of Investigation to respond to your fee waiver request in connection with your Freedom of Information Act request for access to records concerning Goatse Security. Please note that this Office was closed due to a lapse in funding appropriations between December 22, 2018, and January 25, 2019, which resulted in a delay in responding to your appeal.

Please be advised that the FBI responded to your fee waiver request by letter dated October 23, 2018 (copy enclosed). Because the FBI responded to your fee waiver request, there is no action for this Office to consider on appeal, and I am closing your appeal file in this Office.

If you have any questions regarding the action this Office has taken on your appeal, you may contact this Office's FOIA Public Liaison for your appeal. Specifically, you may speak with the undersigned agency official by calling (202) 514-3642.

Sincerely,

5/22/2019

X 

Matthew Hurd, Associate Chief, for  
Sean O'Neill, Chief, Administrative Appeals Staff  
Signed by: MATTHEW HURD